## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A method for controlling movement of a sliding door (1) in an end closing area(X) of a leaf (2) of the door, comprising the steps of: always permitting movement of the door leaf (2) in a closing direction by providing a free wheel (8); only permitting movement of the door leaf in an opening direction when a fixing element brake, coupling (9) or other fixation for a fixed part of the free wheel remote from the door leaf is disengaged; determining door position; deactivating any present safety devices against pinching by the door in the predetermined end closing area(x); reducing a current supply of the door drive (5) and thus a closing force (F) acting on the door leaf (2) to a lower value (FS) as long as the door leaf (2) is within the end closing area(x); and disengaging the fixing element

brake, coupling (9) or other fixation which acts on the part of the free wheel (8) remote from the door leaf.

- 9. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 8, including engaging the <u>fixing element brake</u>, coupling (9) or other fixation when a predetermined time interval has elapsed.
- 10. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 8, including engaging the <u>fixing element</u> brake, coupling (9) or other fixation when a train has reached a predetermined speed.
- 11. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 8, including engaging the <u>fixing element brake</u>, coupling (9) or other fixation upon leaving of a station by a signal transponder located on a station platform.
- 12. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 8, wherein the end closing area(x) is approximately 150 mm.
- 13. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 8,

wherein the closing force (FS) on the door leaf (2) in the end closing area(x) is 50 N to 150 N.

- 14. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 13, wherein the closing force (FS) on the door leaf (2) in the end closing area(x) is approximately 75 N.
- 15. (Currently amended) A sliding door and a control apparatus for controlling movement of the a sliding door (1) in an end closing area(X) of a leaf (2) of the door, comprising: the a door having the a door leaf; a free wheel (8) operatively connected to the door leaf so that movement of the door leaf (2) in a closing direction is possible always; a brake (9) for a the fixed part of the free wheel remote from the door leaf, the brake being engageable and disengageable, a movement of the door leaf in an opening direction only being possible when the brake is disengaged; a device for determining door position; and a door drive having a current supply operative so that, as long as the door leaf (2) is within the end closing area(x), the current supply of the door drive (5) and thus a closing force (F) acting on the door leaf (2) is reduced to a lower value (FS), the brake

- (9), which acts on  $\underline{a}$  the part of the free wheel (8) remote from the door leaf being disengaged when the door leaf is in the end closing area (x).
- 16. (Previously presented) A control apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the brake (9) is engageable when a predetermined time interval has elapsed.
- 17. (Previously presented) A control apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the brake (9) is engageable when a train has reached a predetermined speed.
- 18. (Previously presented) A control apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the end closing area(x) is approximately 150 mm.
- 19. (Previously presented) A control apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the closing force (FS) on the door leaf (2) in the end closing area(x) is 50 N to 150 N.
- 20. (Previously presented) A control apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the closing force (FS) on the door leaf (2)

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in the end closing area(x) is approximately 75 N.